

Claims 1-28, 38, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kagami - JP in view of Kawabata, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,665,494), or alternatively, over Kagami '188 in view of Kawabata.

Claims 35-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 08-320422, in view of Anderson '702 and Kagami - JP.

Claims 1-28, 38, and 39 allegedly conflict with claims 1-8 and 11 of Kagami '188 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(b).

Claims 1-28, 38, and 39 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 and 11 of Kagami '188 in view of Houlihan, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,204,304; hereinafter "Houlihan") and Kawabata.

C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:

None.

D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

Applicants wish to discuss the traversal arguments set forth in the Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on October 27, 2005, and also to discuss the appropriate factual support for a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, for overcoming the present rejections.

VI. Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing Interview Agenda in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below, or at the undersigned attorney's direct local telephone number at **(703) 761-7623** to arrange for the interview.

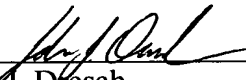
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No fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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